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#### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Baker Farm Washington County

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East of the house is a large frame bank barn and other buildings related to agricultural use.

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ABSTRACT
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This stone farmhouse probably dating from the last quarter of the 18th century and its surrounding buildings are primarily significant for thier architecture. Having received few alterations, the house reflects many characteristics of late 18th century construction in Western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley. Operating as a farm since the late 18th century, the property is also important for its contribution to Washington County's history.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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#### 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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COUNTY

STATE

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### 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION	57.12
Washington County Historical Sites Survey	May 1976
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
Court House Annex	791-3065
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Hagerstown	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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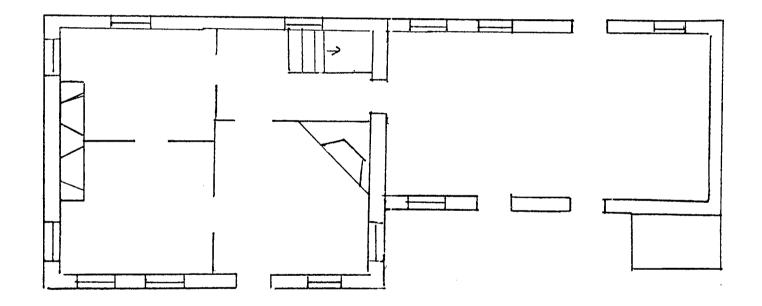
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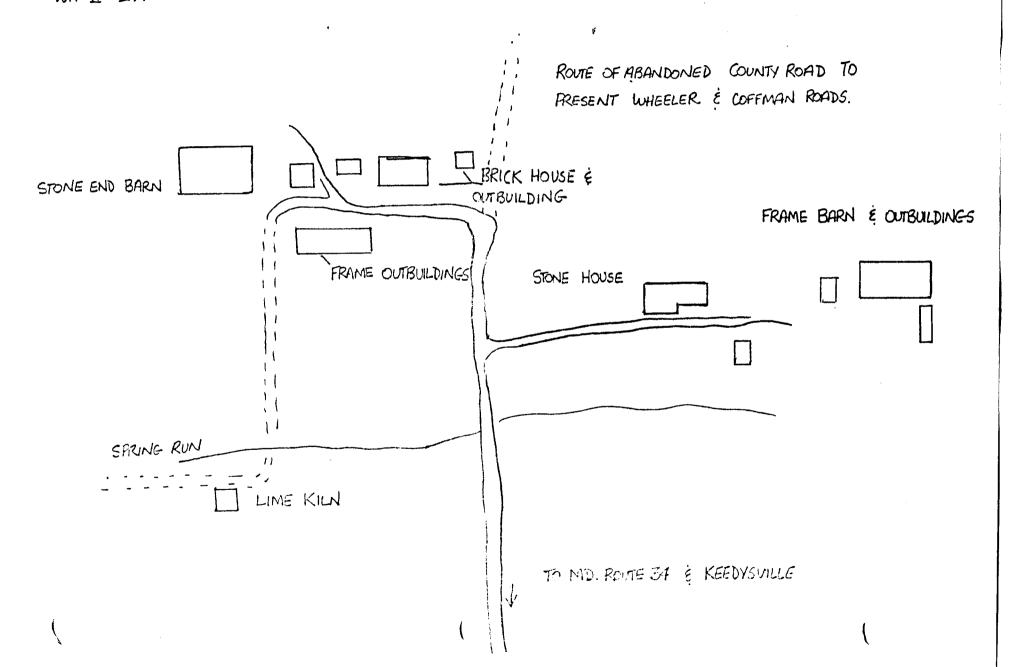
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East of the house is a large frame bank barn and other buildings related to agricultural use. The buildings are in deteriorated to fair condition and are located on a tract containing 117.53 acres.

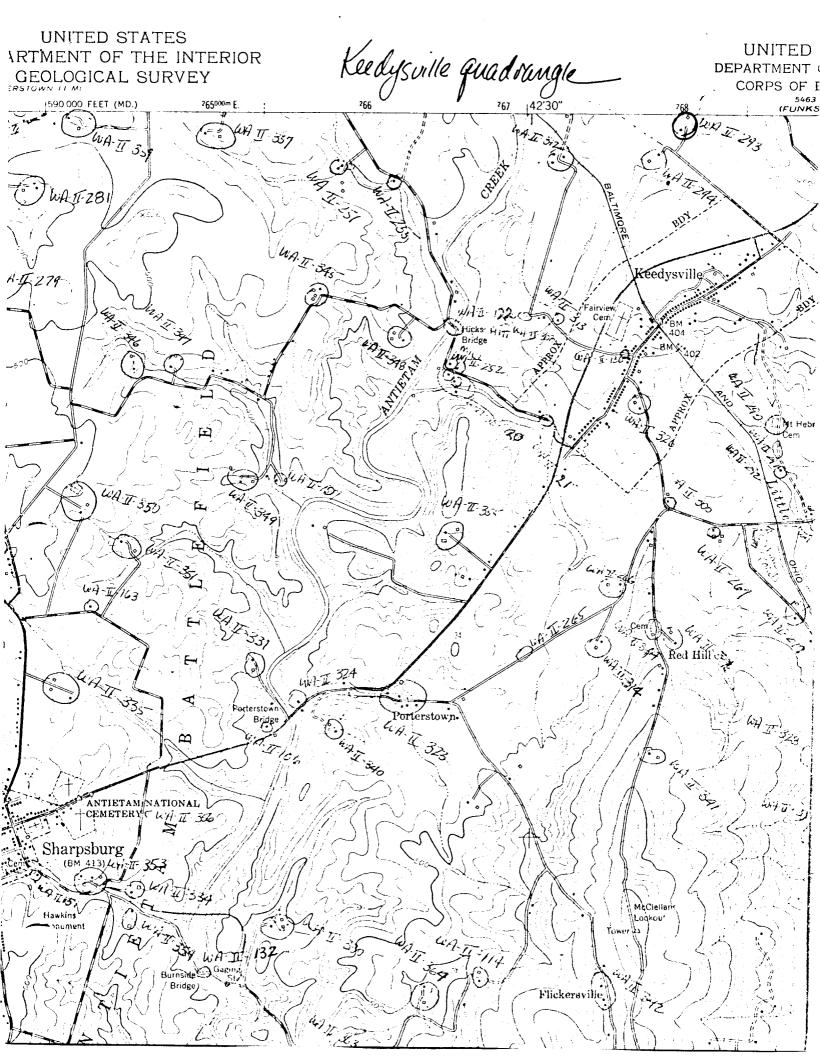


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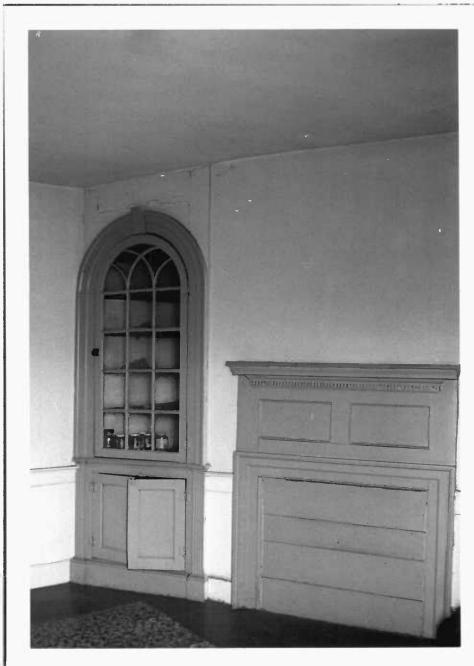
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